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## **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Minutes March 4, 2011**

**Cook County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower  
Chicago, Illinois**

**Members Present:** Chair Chris Snyder-DuPage County, Brian Carlson-District One, Maria Choca Urban-CNT, Lynette Ciavarella-Metra, Michael Connelly-CTA, John Donovan-FHWA, Don Kopec-CMAP, Henry Guerriero-ISTHA, Jamy Lyne-Will County, Randy Neufeld-Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mark Pitstick-RTA, David Seglin-CDOT, Keith Sherman-IDOT Office and Planning and Programming; P. S. Sriraj-UIC/UTC, Peter Skoskey-MPC, Mike Sullivan-Kendall County, Paula Trigg-Lake County, Jan Ward-Kane County

**Members Absent:** Rupert Graham-Cook County, Wes Lujan-Class 1 Railroads, Arlene Mulder-COM, Mike Rogers-IEPA, Joe Schofer-Northwestern University

**Others Present:** Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Kristen Bennett, Chris Brunn, Al Cacciottolo, Len Cannata, Bruce Christensen, Bud Fleming, Mike Klemens, Lok Kwan, Brian Plum, Chad Riddle, Adam Rod, Chris Staron, Emily Tapia Lopez, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak

**Staff Present:** Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Trevor Dick, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronskey, Russell Pietrowiak, Joy Schaad, Gordon Smith, Dan Ungerleider

### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Committee Chair Chris Snyder called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Two items were added to the agenda. Item 5.3 FTA Subarea Allocation between NE IL/NW IN and NE IL/SE WI and Designated Recipients of Section 5304/Section 5307 Capital and Planning Funds; and 8.0 Other Business will include an update on the CMAQ Program Focus Groups' activities.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2011**

On a motion by Ms. Trigg and a second by Ms. Choca Urban, the minutes were approved as presented.

### **4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports.**

As discussed at the January meeting, CMAP's committee structure has been changed to ensure that we have an effective structure to implement GO TO 2040. While no changes were recommended for the Transportation Committee, changes have been made to other working committees, the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the two coordinating committees. The Local Coordinating Committee will focus on local implementation activities, such as local technical assistance and overall coordination with counties and municipalities. The Regional Coordinating Committee will focus on regional, state, and federal policy and issues, such as regional prioritization of public investments, broader economic policies, or legislative initiatives. The inaugural meetings of the restructured Coordinating Committees will be held on March 9. Chairman Snyder will represent the Transportation Committee on the Regional Coordinating Committee and Vice Chairman Redden will represent the Transportation Committee on the Local Coordinating Committee.

### **5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

#### **5.1 FY 10-15 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

Mr. Kos reported that TIP amendments were released for a 7 day public comment period with no comments received. Mr. Donovan requested that the fund source for project 10-11-0037 be changed from TIGGER to TIGER. On a motion by Mr. Connelly and a second by Ms. Trigg, the TIP revisions were approved with the requested change.

#### **5.2 Semi-annual Go TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment**

Mr. Kos reported that the public comment period for the TIP amendment and associated GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis ended on February 22 and no comments were received. On a motion by Mr. Seglin, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the committee recommended approval of the conformity analysis and TIP amendment to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Mr. Kos noted that the deadline for the next scheduled conformity amendment is June 25.

### 5.3 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds

Mr. Kos requested that the committee recommend approval of the allocation of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, and designate the Service Boards (CTA, Metra and Pace) as recipients of such funds. Mr. Kos reported that RTA staff has negotiated splits of all funding with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin and will present it to the RTA Board for its approval at the Board's March meeting, scheduled for March 17. At the same RTA Board meeting, RTA staff will present the recommended FY11 allocations to each of the three Service Boards (CTA, Metra and Pace).

The 5307/5340 apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN and the Round Lake Beach/McHenry/Grayslake IL/WI urbanized area are based on percentages. The recommended split between Indian and Illinois is 4.268671% of the total amount is to be sub-allocated to northwestern Indiana and 95.731329% is to be sub-allocated to northeastern Illinois. The recommended split between Wisconsin and Illinois is 2.291939% of the total amount is to be sub-allocated to southeastern Wisconsin and 97.708061% of the total amount is to be sub-allocated to northeastern Illinois. The estimated Section 5307 and 5340 combined capital and planning funds for northeastern Illinois totals \$99,703,355. The recommended distribution to the Service Boards will be: \$56,577,040 to the CTA; \$27,866,304 to Metra; and \$15,260,011 to Pace. If and when a new authorization or longer term continuing resolution is adopted by Congress, further distributions will occur.

On a motion by Mr. Pitstick, seconded by Ms. Lyne the committee made such recommendations.

### 6.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA)

Mr. Dean reported that staff is now conducting follow-up evaluations of submissions to identify project priorities for 2011. Additional calls for projects are expected this spring and fall. Mr. Snyder noted that there were numerous requests for comprehensive plan updates, and asked if CMAP would be doing anything to share best practices with communities that do not receive assistance. Mr. Dean explained current and planned services to meet this need. Mr. Sriraj inquired, and Mr. Dean confirmed, that the capacity to implement projects would be considered when selecting assistance recipients.

### 7.0 CMAP's 2011 State Agenda

Mr. Smith briefed the committee on the 2011 state agenda and "55/45 split" issue brief and noted that staff anticipates the 55/45 split being a two year effort, with the first year focused on educating local and state officials on the issue. Mr. Seglin asked if CMAP would be making a specific recommendation for performance criteria based on what other states may use. Mr. Smith replied that CMAP would definitely be involved in the

development of criteria. Mr. Smith stated that staff has reviewed other state processes. Mr. Neufeld asked if CMAP could better coordinate and communicate the legislative efforts with committee members. Mr. Skosey noted that CMAP and the MPC have an online bill tracking system and Mr. Smith will make the link available to members. Mr. Sherman provided an overview of IDOT's recent efforts to increase transparency in the distribution and programming of funds and requested more direction on how to improve the process. Mr. Smith stated CMAP appreciates those efforts. Mr. Kopec stated that CMAP is interested in further investigating how project priorities are set.

#### **8.0 Other Business**

Mr. Patronsky reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, RTOC and Transit Focus Groups had met and discussed their role in GO TO 2040 focused programming approach. The Direct Emissions Reduction Focus Group is scheduled to meet on March 9. He noted that each group has a page on the CMAP website, linked from the CMAQ page, and the goals and strategies being developed by these groups are available on those pages. In response to a question from Chairman Snyder, Mr. Patronsky reported that the focus groups will be given the applications of interest to them and the groups will identify the projects that will advance the region toward the goals of GO TO 2040.

#### **9.0 Public Comment**

Ms. Armstrong expressed concern about passengers rushing to Metra trains as doors were closing and was referred to Metra for follow-up. Mr. Armstrong asked how long the Congress Pkwy. Bridge would be under construction. Mr. Carlson replied that completion of the project is expected at the end of next year.

#### **10.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2011.

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

Ms. Trigg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a second by Ms. Choca Urban the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.